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I live in the UK. Many people are concerned over abuse of a dominant position by Microsoft. The media is full of stories of abuse of a dominant market position by the firm. It probably needs to be reigned in, but break-up of the enterprise is in the interests of no-one. Whether or not you like the firm, they have single-handedly advanced information technology to levels that even a couple of years ago were beyond the wildest dreams of most people across the world.

If you wish to rein them in, many people will consider this appropriate. If you wish to break them up, you will do more damage to the civilised world than Osama bin Laden could even imagine.

As a patriotic UK national, I wish a UK firm had the expertise that Microsoft consistently show. As a member of the civilised 'Western' community, I expect you to consider where we would be without this firm.

For the record, I use an outdated version of "Windows" (Windows '95) because newer versions would leave smaller business like mine, that rely on older Windows-dependent programs, unable to run these 'old' programs without spending money we do not have.

I have no love for Microsoft, but be realistic ? it is the only firm able to advance computer applications at a pace required by businesses worldwide.

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